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INDICATORS TO HEALTH EFFECTS AT ALEXANDRIA BATHING BEACHES

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1. SUMMARY. SCIATT HAS CONSULTED WITH PRINCIPLE INVESTIGATORS
DRS. KAMAL E. HAKIM (HIGH INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC HEALTH, ALEXANDRIA)
AND DR. B. CABELLI (EPA) DURING LATTER'S VISIT RE SUBJECT PROJECT.
SIGNED PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH REVISED BUDGET BEING FORWARDED
BY AIRGRAM. END SUMMARY.

2. PRINCIPAL CHANGES WERE: (A) REDUCTION IN SECOND AND THIRD
YEAR AUTO MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION COST FROM LE 1000/YR
TO LE 500/YR; (B) INTERNAL REALLOCATIONS SHIFTING SOME FUNDS
FROM RENTS AND UTILITIES TO PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL LAB SUPPLIES;
(C) INCREASING TRAVEL FUNDS OUTSIDE EGYPT FROM LE 2500/YR TO
LE 3250/YR TO PROVIDE TRAVEL AND PER DIEM FOR TWO EGYPTIAN
TRAINEES FOR TWO WEEKS EACH YEAR AT EPA CINCINNATI RESEARCH
LAB.; (D) DECREASE IN OFFICE SUPPLIES FROM LE 2000 TO LE 1500;
(E) DECREASE IN OFFICE FURNITURE FROM LE 2000 TO LE 1500;
(F) INCREASE IN EQUIPMENT PURCHASE ALLOCATION FROM LE20,000
TO LE 22,000. VARIOUS OTHER ADJUSTMENTS ALSO MADE.

3. BUDGET TOTAL REMAINS AT LE 158,680, HOWEVER REVISIONS
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GENERALLY PUT MORE MONEY INTO EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES AND LESS

INTO OVERHEAD. INCREASE FOREIGN TRAVEL IS SPECIFICALLY TO PROVIDE SHORT TERM TRAINING FOR PROJECT RESERCHERS, OTHER THAN PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR.

4. DR. CABELLI, AFTER COORDINATING WITH EPA, WASH., INTENDS TO SEND LETTER TO DR. HAKIM, SETTING OUT CHANGE RETIONALE AND LIMITATIONS E.G. LE 500/YR RESERVED FOR AUTOMOBILE MAINTENANCE/ OPERATION WILL BE RECOVEREABLE AFTER FINAL AUDIT IF UNEXPENDED FOR THAT PURPOSE OR FOR OTHER PROJECT PURPOSE AGREED TO BY EPA.

5. PROJECT AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED BY DR. MOHAMED HUSSEIN, DEAN HIGH INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC HEALTH, AS AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL AND DR. HAKIM AS PAYEE; HOWEVER, FOR BETTER ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL, ALL CHECKS FOR PROJECT PURPOSES WILL BEAR BOTH NAMES, EVEN THOUGH HAKIM IS PAYEE.

6. EMB IS REQUESTING FIRST PAYMENT CHECK BE ISSUED IN AM'T LE 62,500 PER REF (D). FYI. DR. HAKIM SAYS HE CAN GET DOLLARS FROM GOE FOR EQP. PURCHASE AND PER DIEM FOR TRAINEES WITHING TWO WEEKS OF RECEIPT OF CHECK. END FYI

7. CABELLI WILL CONSULT WITH EPA WASH. FOLLOWING STOP IN ISRAEL.

8. FOR TEL AVIV. PLEASE PASS MSG. TO CABELLI, WHO WILL CALL ON SCIATT. HE IS ENGAGED IN BSF PROJECT ON SIMILAR SUBJECT. EILTS

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